

Sunapee Sestercentennial Committee
Minutes – May 16, 2018
Safety Services Building 7:00 PM

Present: Kathy Springsteen, Cheryl Meachen, Dana Ramspott, Steve Marshall, Patricia Halpin, Ginny Gwynn from Ausbon Sargent, Sharon Parsons, Scott Blewitt, Arlene Adams from the Abbott Library, Patty McGoldrick, Becky Rylander, Wendy Nolin, Brenda Huff and Mary Beth Carroll representing Stacy's Smoothies.

On motion made by Dana and duly seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to approve the minutes from the April meeting.

No **financial** report was available. The PayPal report shows that \$7727 has been received which is about \$7500 after fees. Kathy indicated that we will need a budget report fairly soon. There were no member expense reimbursements requested.

Updates on Commemorative Items Sales:

The deadline for **banner** orders was 5/15. Steve is closing banner orders out and has said that 75 or 76 have been sold. He will verify and place the order tomorrow. There are more than enough volunteers to hang banners. There are well over 100 poles available to us.

License Plates: Dave texts that plates are selling well and we might want to order another 150 by July 1st. We will continue take this up at our June meeting.

We still have an ample supply of **arrowhead** ornaments. Kathy will get these to Wild Goose, Stacy's Smoothies, Tattered Pages and other places around town to be sold.

We have an ample supply of exterior decals and 50 interior ones were delivered at the meeting to fill backorders. Kathy will facilitate distribution.

Event Planning-Scheduled:

Taste of Sunapee: Sharon Parsons reported that flyers are being prepared for the event and she is checking with those offering space and food to accurately list their participation.

Parade: Dana Ramspott reported that every marching band he has checked with is already booked. He was able to get in touch with the Bektash mini-car patrol and will contact them tonight. They would like a donation of \$500 which goes to Shriner's Hospital. Mary Beth will ask Mr. Stark of Bishop Guertin whether their band can participate since a lot of the kids live on the lake in the summer.

On motion made by Wendy and duly seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to ask Selectmen to authorize \$500 to pay Bektash mini-car patrol for parade.

Dana is waiting to hear from Car Nutz car club. Scott suggested other potential participants and Dana agreed that putting them in touch with Betty at Town Hall works well. Patricia sent information from Michael Todd of the Wheelmen to Kathy who forwarded it to Dana. Becky suggested Dean Stetson dress up as Billy B. Van and will put him in touch with Dana.

Time Capsule Dedication: Kathy Springsteen talked with Marion Hafner who has now agreed to donate a 12 inch interior vault from Chadwick's Funeral Home. Kathy has an estimate for a marker for \$3000 from Jack Grantham. He suggested one piece of marble with beveled edges rather than concrete. Sy LaGuire at Stone Vault hasn't had a chance to look at it and has not seen the lettering.

His estimate without bevel is \$1440. Adding bevel would be \$2550. Kathy hasn't heard back from Stockers. Bevel may not be necessary. Scott pointed out that Sy is Jack's son-in-law. Becky reported that the town has contracted for a handicap entrance to the Thrift Shop so the entrance will be torn up for a bit. Patricia will be looking into what should be put into the capsule. She and Sharon have been soliciting ideas from the kids. Becky suggested an Anchorage placemat for a current map of Sunapee.

Quilt Project: Becky Rylander showed a strip of the quilt which she has begun assembling that will include 30 squares, of which there are two posthumous squares. She has several places in mind to display it, including the Harbor evening at the Museum, Livery, Library, Archives, Town Hall, etc. Brenda suggested having it at the graduation if it is ready by June 15th.

Kathy reported that we need to begin collecting Use of Town Facilities forms and permission slips. Sharon has concerns about Sons of the American Revolution since she has had no response from the representative since our last meeting. Dana reported that he was involved in an accident with a drunk driver preceding that meeting but has also not heard from him since then.

Kayak, canoe races, regatta style events: Becky Rylander reported that White Shutters has agreed to stage a canoe/kayak race with a route TBD. Nancy Duseau is having some flags made like the bicentennial flags that they will use for their float in parade. A handheld size might be the prize for the race. They have sometimes used ball field for White Shutters events and wonder about folks to help with parking and shuttling people to Dewey Beach. She is also wondering about t-shirts and offered to make White Shutters t-shirts if there will be no Sestercentennial ones made. She has gotten permit for use of lake at 10am on Sunday for the race. The boat parade will be at 1pm.

Arlene Adams indicated that the **library** will be doing golf course inside with Arnold Palmer lemonade and iced tea, as well as desserts, including cookies decorated like golf balls. This is the lead up to the drone picture, time capsule and ending ceremonies. Some of the people will dress as old-time golfers and people will be encouraged to explore nooks and crannies of the library. Scott suggested they may expect around 150 people.

Sharon explained that the **school** kids have been traveling to archives doing scavenger hunts and learning information. They are like sponges learning new historical stories about Sunapee. They are researching and establishing Geocaches throughout Sunapee including cut logs medallions with a QR code that bring them to a history of the place online. There is a giant sign made from 2x4s to make 250 in white letters on green board that is lit at night going up Friday afternoon. It will be surrounded by flock of geese. The students are also working on a very big float centered around things that happened in Sherburn Gym including graduation, sports and dances. There will be skits on floats. They are making mini banners from championship flags in the gym. There will be a film with students portraying historical figures. They are hiking mountain and having cookout. Students are incredibly excited. Mary Beth offered that skits can also happen on Stacy's Smoothies deck or at Wild Goose.

The **brochure** is available and will be passed out at the Blood Drive tomorrow. Steve is putting updates on the website daily. The Sunapee Rec brochure went out today to all Sunapee and George's Mills residents.

Bunting: Kathy reported that Steve believes this committee can only purchase bunting for town-owned property, including schools, Sherburn Gym, town offices, library but not archives. Steve already purchased bunting for Safety Services. We'll reach out to all of these places for measurements and share information to non-town businesses. Scott suggested we duplicate an older photo from the bicentennial that includes vertical flags. It is believed that Ellie Goddard donates bunting for the gazebo and Scott Hazelton puts it up and that it stays up all summer. It might be nice

to have bunting on the pump station on River Road. For the next meeting we will need a list and what is to be ordered to prepare a proposal. Sharon agreed to take that project on.

New Business

The postmark application has been submitted and there are no updates.

The State Proclamation request has been submitted and there are no updates.

Program for Weekend events

Vendors: Kathy received email from an individual at Liberty Mutual Insurance who is a balloon artist and wants to set up a table and give out balloons to kids as long as he can set up a Liberty Mutual Insurance display. He seems to be willing to pay for vendor table. Dana and Scott have also received requests including from Cathy Touchette Balch who sells doll clothes and from the Masons who would like to provide a National Child Identification Kit taking fingerprints and a DNA swab. Another gentleman contacted Dana who does etched glasses and wanted to donate some of the money to the Historical Society. Kathy says that at an earlier meeting we talked about not setting up vendors who would be competition to Stacy's Smoothies and other businesses that we want the public to patronize. Brenda pointed out that if we open to some vendors we must open to all. The liability, Use of Town Facilities, insurance riders and permission forms required would be overwhelming. Scott pointed out that vendor space would reduce parking spots and space for chairs. A non-profit group, such as students under the auspices of local businesses would be okay.

On motion made by Wendy and duly seconded by Dana it was unanimously VOTED not to allow outside vendors.

Ron Garceau forwarded an email from Jill Hanson offering local souvenir items, eg. refrigerator magnets like those produced last year for the historical society. They also produce coffee mugs. Sharon says that she already sells their items at Wild Goose. If they want to use the 250 logo they need permission from the Selectmen. Becky has been asked whether we will be selling t-shirts or hats. It was noted that they sold three coins and a bicentennial banner in 1968. We already culled a list of 50+ items earlier in the committee history carefully selecting the items we are selling. Some enterprising person is welcome to approach Selectmen for logo use or make t-shirts without logo.

It was AGREED by consensus that the committee not make any additional commemorative items.

Patty reported that hazardous waste day is August 18th in Sunapee at Highway Garage. It was felt this is out of the way and will not interfere with planned events.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 30th with limited agenda and then a full meeting on June 20th, both at 7pm at Safety Services.

On motion made and duly seconded it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Meachen, Secretary